

REMARKS

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-10 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. New claims 11-30 are presented for entry and consideration. Support for the new claims may be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. *See, e.g.*, page 1, lines 4-5; page 2, lines 5-24 and 30-33; page 3, lines 1-22; Examples 1-3; and original claims 1-10. Applicant submits that no new matter is added by way of the instant claim amendments. Accordingly, upon entry of this preliminary amendment, claims 11-30 will be pending.

Statement of Substance of Interview Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b)

The undersigned was contacted on or about January 23, 2008 by Examiner Ford who kindly suggested that Applicant consider a preliminary amendment to place the pending claims in a form more consistent with U.S. practice. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's telephone call.

Conclusion

An indication of allowance of all claims is solicited. Early notification of a favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due with this submission. However, in the event any fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**.

Respectfully submitted,

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